

**REMARKS**

This "(Substitute) First Preliminary Amendment" is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on July 19, 2005, and replaces the First Preliminary Amendment mailed by the Applicant's undersigned representative on February 4, 2005.

The claims have now been reviewed and amended to conform to U.S. practice, and three new dependent claims. The specification has been amended to provide headings. An abstract has been added to conform to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

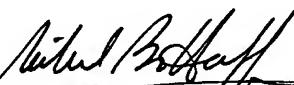
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Please note that all fees, including the fee for a multiple dependent claim, were paid for in the initial filing of this application in German. However, should any additional fees be necessary, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-3855.

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Respectfully submitted,

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